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FOR NEA, SCA,& SCA/VO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SY, US
SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWRY: PAROLES

REF: STATE 182686

1. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE UNMARRIED SYRIAN JEWISH
WOMEN TO RECEIVE THEIR PASSPORTS AND APPLY FOR US VISAS.
DELAYS AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE ARE BUREAUCRATIC. LATEST
HOPE EXPRESSED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS IS THAT PASSPORTS MAY
BE ISSUED THIS WEEKEND AND GIRLS MAY BE ABLE DEPART SYRIA
ABOUT AUG 11.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR ALL CONCERNED IF
GIRLS COULD TRAVEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THEY HAVE ACQUIRED
PASSPORTS AND THAT THEY NOT BE OBLIGATED UNDERGO ADDITIONAL
DELAYS IN DAMASCUS IN ORDER TO MEET US VISA REQUIREMENTS. IN
OUR VIEW PASSPORTS WHOULD BE ACCEPTED IN LIEW OF EXTRACT OF
VITAL STATISTICS(BIRTH CERTIFICATE) AS OFFICIAL RECORD OF DATE
OF BIRTH AND NAMES OF PARENTS. IN ADDITION, IN SYRIAN
PARCTICE PASSPORTS ARE NOT ISSUED TO PERSONS CONVICTED
OF CRIMES OR OTHER SECURITY OFFENSES. OBTAINING SEPARATE
SECURITY CLEARANCE AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE WOULD REQUIR
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WOMEN TO APPLY TO TWO SEPARATE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES
IN ADDITION TO THOSE THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH AND
WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE FURTHER ANXIETY AND DELAY.

3. MEDICAL EXAMS IN SYRIA WOULD POSE SIMILAR PROBLEM
IN THAT PATIENT MUST UNDERGO LABORATORY TESTS AND
X-RAY AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS FROM MEDICAL CLINIC AND

MUST HAVE EXAM MADE BY APPROVED PHYSICIAN. NORMALLY A MEDICAL EXAM TAKES ABOUT ONE WEEK IN DAMASCUS BUT WITH MANY DOCTORS AWAY IN AUGUST IT COULD TAKE LONGER.

4. WE WOULD OF COURSE TELL ALL THE WOMEN TO BRING WITH THEM WHATEVER DOCUMENTS THEY HAD IN ADDITION TO THEIR PASSPORTS AND ID CARDS. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, HOWEVER, EASIEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO HANDLE THESE CASES IS TO ISSUE SIMPLE B-2 VISA. WE RECOMMEND DEPT AND INS APPROVE THIS PROCEDURE.

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